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1. The attached memorandum represents the briefing given by [] on 3 June to [], currently the Senior representative in [] while [] is engaged in overall coordination at [].

2. The true identities of the cryptos in the attachment are forwarded by separate dispatch.

3. It is believed that the attachment will be useful in your briefing of CLARK. At given times, [] will be asking [] to follow up on specific parts of the attachment; at other times, his general knowledge will enable him to make intelligent, on-the-spot replies to trusted contacts.

4. Needless to say, the attached information is highly sensitive.

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SUBJECT: Briefing of []

I. Situation and general plan

A. Due to recent developments we are going to prepare the excess newcomers into 5 man harassment teams and launch into the target country shot-gun fashion to throw the opposition off balance, disperse their attention away from the [] border, and give morale support to inner forces through our ability to retaliate.

B. Rather than precipitate a premature D-day among easily excitable inner groups, we will bring our assets and facilities to maximum preparedness prior to launching these harassment teams. Within the next 7 days we will execute the following:

1. Launch organizers
2. Launch radio operators
3. Get shocks in position at the staging sites
4. Complete air support preparations
5. Get cab leaders with gear in to the organizations responsible for providing their teams
6. Where possible, move gear plans 5, 6, 7.

The above preparations will allow us to support any unusual developments with an approximation of the original operational procedure if it is deemed feasible to call D-day or if the situation develops to where we should support one.

II. Specific

A. Organizers

1. Present Status - 3 organizers have departed for [] before they could be stopped. However 1 man, [] was to have entered [] staff as coordinator and therefore had been thoroughly briefed on the [] operation less identities. He was stopped and is now being re-briefed to contact the above 3 with new instructions.

[] and staff are now selecting lesser personages to whom the organizers ^{is} to report due our lack of knowledge on extent

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last exposure. On your arrival you will find the organizers completely ready to go except (1) coordination of air supply, and (2) concept of what to expect in case of premature revolt. (See Air, Part C, and the following paragraph).

2. The physical launching of the organizers will be executed on cable from []

The organizers will carry D-day instructions as originally designed plus the following contingency instructions:

- a. DZ's and alternates
- b. Time and date to expect supply under both conditions of supply, i.e. (1) permission to supply, commencing 12 June, (2) permission to supply only after a declared D-day.

Note the form sheet attached. This form sheet nearly completed by staff working with [] and []. When filled, it will be made to fit the two contingencies above, i.e., if it were completed, the [] organizer, since assigned #1 priority, would instruct his men that (1) on 12 June and following days until supplied, be prepared to receive bundles at primary DZ [] or Alt [] between hours of 2100 and 0142 and between 0935 and 1100.

or (2) on D-day, you will receive same drops.

The [] organizer, being 2nd in priority but, as [] is under contingency #1, would set up for 12 June with same morning hours and different DZ's.

A #3 priority would be the 13th under contingency #1 and D + 1 under #2. You can see that only after the accompanying form is completed can the inner organizations be advised what to expect.

By your arrival time, this should be completed and [] should have the details on DZ and priority by cable in order to prepare air support.

In each case the organizer should have a method for us to declare D-day via [] as well as by signal man action.

Send to [] by cable the sentence being carried in by each organizer to designate D-day is 24 hours away, i.e., a signal on Monday indicates 2030 Tuesday night as D-day, etc. A tape will be cut containing these messages for broadcast by Sherwood.

Once the priority, bundle requirement, and DZ and Signal List

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as per attached form has been completed and organizer briefed on his part of it, the organizers are ready to depart.

B. Shock troops

An advance party of platoon leaders has been sent to prepare the staging sites under the leadership of the shock troop executive officer.

The shock troop leader and his staff is being briefed in [] Gear and men are due to move to the staging area when advance party says come.]

These men have not previously been grouped, nor have they all necessarily handled their individual weapon prior to this gathering.

The [] staging is to be by assigning each man his weapon and each man traveling by plane, mule, etc., to gather at Rufus' [] farm and, just prior to D-day, were to move to the DZ being selected for [] (The Jalapa group will assemble at the DZ on drop day also, and an organizer is preparing for this grouping).]

C. Air support should be prepared, under present planning, to commence supply drops to any point predesignated on the completed attached form by 12 June.

Your main mission, this subject, is to check the form for non-conflict and insure that organizers are capable of conveying instructions to field groups.

Another primary mission is to see that this information: I.e. priority, DZ, Signals for each of the two contingencies, is received by [] for placing in hands air support by cable when complete compilation is attained.

The chart should be completed prior to your arrival.

The bundles available are approximately as listed in Logistics Memo to C/P.

D. Sab Team leaders are briefed and ready to launch. They should depart 2 days following the organizer of the area into which he is to report. His instructions are:

1. Primary Mission: Execute the action assigned at hour assigned in original planning or if his organization is prematurely involved in action.

2. Secondary Mission: On missing primary target, distribute his explosives over the area in noisiest, most flashy, and harmful to the opposition possible.

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E. Gear Movement

21. To support a popular movement within the next month, we must depend upon a major portion of arms movement to be by aerial supply. At present there are four possible means of arms movement being explored.

1. Plan #5 ... [] has announced his willingness and ability to fly 5 tons of gear to [] as soon as we indicate readiness.

A man has been dispatched to Pancho's farm near [] to arrange meeting the planes with trucks and prepare the farm for storage. He is to notify readiness and will receive the Pancho - [] arranged ETA.

Meantime, Col. [], who owns a farm between [] and [], is being alerted that he may send for the gear via a horse-trail (as yet unguarded) anytime after 8 June.

2. Plan #6 ... A man is making the arrangement for purchase of a boat []

The reconnaissance man has returned, and the operational plan is being written up to move the gear via boat, with gun crews and labor crew, accompanied by the recon man, to a meeting at the []

a. To land to reception party for storage and future withdrawal;

b. To land via small boat to a carrying team back to the inner organization

or c. To rendezvous 1000 yards or so out to sea with small boats from the shore party.

[] is prepared to fly 3 tons []

[] has agreed to wire authorities there to lay off []

3. Plan #7 ... A boat is being sought in the [] Port Area [] 6 tons can be moved there from [] by truck with ease.

[] past flap means that the plan for the offloading of this gear at [] Casa must be carried in by the [] organizer.

4. [] is now in [] has been instructed to get him in the Cessna 180 and back to [] A list of 28 black strips has been compiled to which [] can fly. 8 Groups are being sought who can be alerted for possible supply by [] can run the circuit, 4 strips at a time, landing to the proper signal and giving out

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approximately 1000 pounds of gear. The organizers will alert this group of a 4 day period during which they can be given a proper signal. 2 of the groups will be serviced any of the first four days of service, and 4 on the second four days.

In addition from the cable traffic, [] is to service his own finca - further distribution unknown.

5. Pancho's brother-in-law in [] is being sent same tonnage according to cable for transport in via car behind trunks, etc.
6. [] has carried some gear and will carry more gear each trip.
7. The 200 bundles will be on standby at [] for the schedule arranged according to the attached list.

F. Radio Operators

1. The radio operators are [] and have been slotted. One RO is [] but his operational plan may have been picked up along with other [] gear.

I suggest the organizer going in for [] be instructed to move the operator to a black location if he is not already picked up.

2. [] in [] has been instructed to contact [] and obtain the 2 RS-1s sent by him. He is to set up a cut-out through which he can pass radios and pads, and inform us soonest. [] has been instructed that on receipt of the identity and addresses and contact signals, etc., he will launch RO's to their respective organizations with instructions to send a courier to pick up the radio as per assigned contact plan.
3. Tactical radios should be activated as soon as possible in order to iron out the kinks. When haven is provided by shock troop organizations at the staging sites, they should move to the staging area and commence operation as TR.

6. On completion of the above steps, we will feel prepared to face any situation which might arise by turning on full force at any moment to perpetrate a D-day on [] (via EUBARK) direction.

At the completion of the above, as many 5 man groups as can be gathered from the 200 excess personnel recently arrived.

[] is gathering them into 5 man teams. Although friendship of members, leadership for each team, and return to home area should be considered initially, the emphasis in positioning of the teams should be placed on the rear areas where possible. The purpose of these teams is to dissipate enemy attention from the border, disrupt the opposition communication, and give cheer to the inner forces as well as generally begin to set the stage for coming events.

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The teams should carry own gear where it can be devised. Long barreled pistols can supplant rifles where necessary and SIG's

Special areas for placing teams should be along

The team crossings and launchings must not resemble an invasion of groups but should be conducted by individuals reassembling at pre-designated points (set a deadline for reassembly so that those who get there safely can move away on premise that rest may have been captured. This will also prompt those captured to hold out information until deadline.)

Some teams might be scattered down the coast via the South Coast boat movement in conjunction with gear movement.

Although these untrained men should not be burdened with extensive operational plans and complicated assignments, [] has arranged that they should now be studying weapons. They should be given an understanding of harassment and told that each team in its area should concentrate on:

1. Killing known communist leaders
2. Disrupting communist rallies and meetings
3. Cutting telephone and telegraph lines
4. Firing on gasoline tank cars

Each team (and all other activities) are to lay off attack on any soldier and, if possible, to avoid harassment which would involve an army unit. Protection to the team on this score will be provided by a PP concentration through clandestine broadcast and otherwise.

No operational plans need be drawn up. Assign each team a code name like [], [], etc. Cable code name, area of operations each team, as compiled. Cable when launched. Advise team that instructions or announcement for their good deeds, etc. will be passed via clandestine radio. In addition, the clandestine radio mention of their names will help authenticate them.

There are 440 - 10 day rations available, or 4440 rations. The shock troops will require 3120, leaving 1320. Equip these 5 man teams with 8 days' rations and 165 men can be supplied thusly.

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H. Tactics

1. Only tactical changes in the original plan, are as follows:

- a. Several groups are being investigated for addition as [] groups.

Gravy IV turned out to be between 1000 and 2000 men if supplied. This group was run by [] brother and has been added to our supply missions. On signal to act (i.e. after supply) they are to place 50 men at [] in our original road block there, and proceed to [] to hold until arrival of []

[] is the Jalapa group (350) and is to receive supply by joining with [] (see revisions [] plan).

[] is Palencia group for which supply by air is being arranged. This supply must be the last prior to D-day or on D-day. [] is to take to hills and remain mobile until [] arrives. We were trying to arrange [] to make contact on arrival at [] and pass a radio and operator there. Maybe it can be figured in.

- b. Frank, having given up on [] support, is to stage (as mentioned in shock stage paragraph) and infiltrate on D-3 to the inner drop zone - temporarily selected as [] but only the final filled-out attached chart is to be counted on to ensure clarity.
- c. Pay particular attention to the [] Alternate plan and make [] consider it carefully because land ingress to Nick will be precarious at best.
- d. Emphasize INFILTRATION and evasion tactics in approach of shock troops - from departure staging area on - these fellows think they can drive the opposition into the sea and although they agree on the silent approach, every once in a while I get the impression they feel that if no bugles are used, it can be considered silent.

2. Under a running situation under which we decided the time for a D-day had arisen early, the pattern of action will be initiated the same as the standard plan with all destinations and routes and procedures remaining as nearly the same as the tactical situation allows. Groups with radios will be directed by same from the [] and by [] via []

I. Command Channels

1. [] and []

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- a. [] Field is authorized to proceed as quickly and by available means to the point of preparation outlined in this briefing to the point of launching the 5 man team.
- b. [] will give the go signal on the 5 man teams.
- c. [] will call the signals on commencement air supply under one of the two contingencies.
- d. After commencement the air supply will continue as scheduled unless altered or halted by [] instruction []
- e. [] will call the signal for D-day.
2. Within [] Field
- a. Pancho's staff is set up in standard military operating procedure. [] is Chief of Staff.
- b. As nearly as possible, [] is trying to arrange for you to live on a daily basis right by [] for the next few days. In addition to normal duties as C/S, [] is to personally act as his own [] on
- (1) gear movement
 - (2) preparation drop coordination
 - (3) briefing shock leaders and ironing detail kinks out to insure tactical plan is followed
 - (4) preparation of shock troops
- c. Your duty is to advise [] in his above duties. In the case of [] you will find him a practical man and a doer and easy to work with. Your responsibility is to see that necessary adjustments to the plans are practical from a combat standpoint and do not materially affect the manner of operation.
- d. [], due to his past work with the staff itself, will serve as adviser to the []. requests should be presented to [] by you, to prevent disturbance existing coordination there. In addition, [] will work on the [] duties of
- (1) launching organizers
 - (2) launching sub leaders
 - (3) organizing and launching 5 man teams.
- e. In the above [] actions assigned to [], you are only

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responsible to advise as to how it fits into the overall scheme.

- f. [] remains as [] Representative and maintains jurisdiction over [] field personnel. He will handle Pancho. It is virtually guaranteed your handling of [] will be unaffected by this [] - Pancho echelon but in the event the occasion arises, [] is Senior in responsibility, you are Senior [] representative.

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CONTINGENCIAS. --

I. Lanzamiento antes del Día-D. en adición a los Lanzamientos Regulares y de Emergencia. -

A. Antes del Día-D

Grupo	Equipo	DZ	Alt. DZ	Prioridad	Señales	R?
Maratenango	8 H (1)					
Quezaltenango	8 H (1) 4 B	AF7643	AF8434	2		*
Coban	10 A (2)	BF9668		3		*
Palencia	8 D 1G (2) 5 F	BF8962				
Jalapa-Jutiapa	8 E 1G (2) 5 F 5I (1)			1		*
Amatitlan	6 D (1)			4 (night)		* ?
Gloria	10 I	BF4701				

B. En el Día-D y continuando hasta el fin de las operaciones.

Coban -	10-I (2) 10 B	BF9668		1		*
Quezalt.-Quiche Union sobre la carretera	5 A (1) 5 B	AF 7643	AF8434	2		*
Coban-Zacapa. Union cerca de Progreso.	10 A (2) 10 B					*
Puerto Barrios	10 I (2) 5 B					*

C. RESERVA PARA UNA LLAMADA DE EMERGENCIA.

25 cajas A
11 cajas B
15 cajas I
5 cajas C

NOTA: Los numeros entre parentesis, (1) y (2), que aparecen en las casillas de "Equipo", corresponden al numero de aviones que llevaran el equipo anotado en la misma casilla. -

II. Si no es - posible hacer el lanzamiento antes del Dia-D

A. El Dia-D, y continuando hasta el fin de las operaciones.
Lanzamientos segun dispuesto.

Grupo	Equipo	DZ	Alt. DZ	Prioridad	Senales	R
Coban	10 A (2) 5 B	BF 9668				*
Quezaltenango- Quiche	10 A (2) 5 B	AF7643	AF8434	2		*
Coban-Zacapa	10 A 10 B					*
Puerto Barrios	10 I (2) 5 B					*
Mazatenango	10 A 10 B					
Jalapa-Jutiapa	8 E 5 F (2) 1 G			1		
Palencia	8 E 5 F (2) 1 G	⁸⁹⁰ BF8982				
Amatitlan	6 D (1)			3		*
Gloria	10 I	BF4701				

B. Reserva para una llamada de emergencia.

30 I

10 A

10 B

16 H

5 C

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